

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, March 28, 2005.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer.

God, Our Creator, we place our hope and trust in You, Your ways and precepts. The religious tenor of Easter and our own personal Easter faith commitments remind us that we have been endowed by You with a timeless dimension, an eternal spirit and a human dimension, our mortal body. These gifts enable us to achieve, with Your guidance and assistance, the purpose for which we have been created by You. In addressing current and future complex, emotional, moral and legislative issues, inspire us to make objective and thoughtful choices as we serve the people and society. Teach us, in our diverse society and communities, to respect the personal, philosophical and moral principles of others as we struggle to form and follow our own right conscience.

Grant your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Petrolati), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Messages from the Governor.

General Appropriations Bill, adjustments.

A message from His Excellency the Governor submitting adjustments (under paragraph 3 of Section 7H of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) to the proposed General Appropriations Bill for fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 (House, No. 2604) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, March 25.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Supplemental appropriations.

A message from His Excellency the Governor submitting requests for making appropriations for the fiscal year 2005 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 2605) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, March 25.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Tax provisions, update.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to updating and improving certain tax provisions of the Commonwealth (House, No. 2606) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, March 25.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Revenue. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Canessa of Lakeville and Quinn of Dartmouth) on the occasion of the retirement of Selectman Gerald White;

Gerald White.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Driscoll of Braintree) congratulating William H. Dykstra;

William H. Dykstra.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Haddad of Somerset and other members of the House) recognizing the Week of the Young Child; and

Week of the Young Child.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hargraves of Groton) congratulating the Sacred Heart-Saint James Parish of Groton on the one hundredth anniversary of the Sacred Heart Building;

Groton, Sacred Heart Building.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox and other members of the House) memorializing the Massachusetts Congressional delegation and the President of the United States to support enforcement of the Federal Clean Air Act;

Federal Clean Air Act.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Teahan of Whitman and Nyman of Hanover) recognizing March 29, 2005 as Vietnam Veterans Day; and

Vietnam Veterans Day.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Walsh of Boston and other members of the House) memorializing the Congress of the United States to preserve guaranteed benefits for retirees;

Social Security, preserve.

Mrs. Parente of Milford, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2020) of Andrea F. Nuciforo, Jr., James M. Roberto, Mayor, Jody L. Phillips, City Clerk and Gerald M. Lee, City Council President (with the approval of the mayor and the city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Pittsfield to grant five additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages and an additional four special liquor licenses for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Pittsfield, liquor licenses.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2021) of Steven A. Baddour, Arthur J. Broadhurst, Sharon M. Pollard, mayor, Michael W. Hennessy, chairman and others (with the approval of the mayor and the city council) for legislation to provide for alternative members on the community development board of the city of Methuen;

Methuen, community development board.

Quincy,
senior citizen
safety zone.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2022) of Michael W. Morrissey, A. Stephen Tobin, Ronald Mariano and Bruce J. Ayers (with the approval of the mayor and the city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Quincy to establish senior citizens safety zones; and

Abington,
capital
improvement.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2025) of Michael W. Morrissey and Kathleen M. Teahan (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Abington to establish a capital improvement trust fund;

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Methuen,
real estate
taxes.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2023) of Steven A. Baddour, Arthur J. Broadhurst, Sharon M. Pollard, mayor and others (with the approval of the mayor and the city council) for legislation to cap real estate taxes of senior citizens in the city of Methuen;

Quincy,
interest
rates.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2024) of Michael W. Morrissey, A. Stephen Tobin, Ronald Mariano and Bruce J. Ayers (with the approval of the mayor and the city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Quincy to establish interest rates payable on deferred property taxes and water charges; and

Sandwich,
tax
collection.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2026) of Therese Murray and Jeffrey Davis Perry (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the collection of taxes in the town of Sandwich;

Severally to the committee on Revenue.

Carol G.
Davis,
sick leave
bank.

A petition of Michael W. Morrissey and Bruce J. Ayers for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Carol G. Davis, an employee of the George Fingold Library, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2029) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Reports of Committees.

Matthew
Conlon,
civil
service.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Matthew Conlon to take a civil service examination for the position of police officer notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 450).

Billerica,
Shawn
McCluskey.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill exempting Shawn McCluskey from the age requirements of the civil service law for the town of Billerica (House, No. 1264).

Billerica,
Anthony D.
Fontana.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill exempting Anthony D. Fontana from the age requirements of the civil service law for the town of Billerica (House, No. 2600).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Donato of Medford, for said committee, reported that the matters be scheduled for consideration by the House; and, under said rule, they were placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill establishing the office of collector-treasurer in the town of Swansea (see House, No. 139, amended) (which originated in the House) (which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted, in its amended form; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. Bill
re-enacted.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the appointment of Timothy Pacheco as a firefighter in the town of Arlington (see House, No. 33) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. Bill
enacted.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next
sitting.

At a quarter after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Petrucelli of Boston (Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.